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VIA EFILING

Mr. Charles Terreni
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
P.O. Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

IN RE: Application of Navigator Telecommunications, LLC and Access Integrated Networks, Incorporated d/b/a Birch Communications for Authority to Transfer Assets to Access Integrated Networks, Incorporated d/b/a Birch Communications

Docket No. 2008-303-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

On August 5, 2008, Navigator Telecommunications, LLC (Navigator) and Access Integrated Networks, Incorporated d/b/a Birch Communications (Birch) applied for approval of the transfer of assets from Navigator to Birch. The Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) has reviewed the application and has no objection to the transfer of assets from Navigator to Birch subject to the following condition.

According to the Application, Navigator and Birch will remain compliant with regard to their regulatory financial obligations. ORS respectfully requests the Public Service Commission (Commission) require Birch to assume any financial obligations of Navigator to the intrastate Universal Service Fund for those customers who will be transferred.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If further information is needed, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

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